

Approved as Submitted: April 16, 2003

**CITY OF MORGAN HILL  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES – MARCH 26, 2003**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kennedy called the special meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

Present: Council Members Carr, Chang, Sellers and Mayor Kennedy  
Absent: Council Member Tate.

**DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA**

City Clerk Torrez certified that the meeting's agenda was duly noticed and posted in accordance with Government Code 54954.2.

***City Council Action***

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**1. LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANNEL LINEUP CHANGE**

Assistant to the City Manager Eulo presented the staff report, indicating that Charter Communications is proposing a channel line up change. He said that Charter is making this change in order to market to the Spanish speaking community. He stated that the Chamber of Commerce, the City of Gilroy and others have written letters to Charter Communications in opposition to the line up change. He indicated that cities do not regulate the program offerings of cable companies.

Mayor Kennedy indicated that several letters have been written in opposition to the channel line up change including other cities, Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce, and other Chamber of Commerce organizations.

Council Member Sellers said that the other reason it makes sense to retain the two stations is the news coverage. He supported the Mayor drafting and sending a letter in opposition to the channel line up change.

Council Member Carr said that while he understands that the expanded Spanish television market is an important one, he felt that Charter Communications should be looking at ways to address this market and provide services to the Spanish community. However, long time existing stations, especially news coverage, is a benefit to area communities. He would support a letter in opposition.

Mayor Kennedy indicated that the letter from the Chamber of Commerce suggests that there is no reason why it cannot retain the two stations and add the additional Spanish speaking channels. He indicated

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that he has several draft letters to look at and that he will send a letter based on the Council's recommendation.

**Action:**        *On a motion by Council Member Sellers, and seconded by Council Member Carr, the Council, on a 4-0 vote with Council Member Tate absent, **Supported** Mayor Kennedy drafting/sending a letter in opposition to the proposed Charter Communication channel line up change.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

**MINUTES RECORDED AND PREPARED BY:**

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**IRMA TORREZ, CITY CLERK**